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SUBJECT: Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal Expansion Project; Third Review
(For Board consideration on September 14, 2015)

Project Summary

Project Sponsors: The Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) and the Port of San Francisco.

Project Representatives: Kevin Connelly and Michael Gougherty (WETA); Boris Dramov and Bonnie Fisher (ROMA Design Group); Dan Hoddap and James Hurley (Port of San Francisco).

Project Site. The proposed project would be located within the Ferry Building area, between Pier 1 to the north and Pier 14 to the south, in the City and County of San Francisco. Within the Bay, the ferry basin is distinguished between the North and South Basins (reflecting the water areas north and south of the Ferry Plaza). The entire ferry terminal expansion project would involve the construction of one additional gate, Gate A in the North Basin and two additional gates, Gates F and G in the South Basin. This review will focus on the work proposed in the South Basin, including the construction of Gates F and G, the creation of an East Bayside Promenade to connect Gates E, F and G and proposed canopies within this area, the creation of a raised new plaza area within the “lagoon” between the Ferry Building and the Agriculture Building, and connections between the raised plaza area to the Embarcadero and the Agriculture Building.

Prior Board Review. The project was reviewed on two previous occasions. The Board’s first review on June 6, 2011 covered the whole project area including proposed work in both the North and South Basins. The Board’s second review on May 11, 2015 focused only on the South Basin and associated public access improvements. During the Board’s last review of the South Basin work, the Board commented on several items including, in particular, the southwest corner of the proposed plaza and entryway, the specific design details, and on the canopy structures.

Current Review and Materials. Attached is a memo from the project representatives summarizing the Board’s previous comments on the project and providing their responses to these comments, including updated exhibits. On September 14, 2015, the Board and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the changes proposed. An applicant presentation is not planned for the meeting. Staff will introduce the item and the Board will have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.